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1. THE SITUATION IN CHILE WHICH STIMULATED THE ORIGINAL
US PAROLE PROGRAM FOR DETAINEES HAS CHANGED RADICALLY. THE
"UNIVERSE" OF POTENTIAL PAROLEES HAS SHRUNK DRAMATICALLY.
AT THE BEGINNING OF 1976 THERE WERE OVER 4,000 PERSONS IN
PRISON FOR POLITICAL OR SECURITY RELATED OFFENSES. TODAY
THERE ARE FEWER THAN 400, OF WHICH ONLY A FAIRLY SMALL NUMBER
ARE INTERESTED IN OR ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE TO THE US.
REGARDING THE SECOND TRANCHE OF THE CHILE PAROLE PROGRAM,
OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT 39 ADDITIONAL DETAINEE CASES HAVE
BEEN ALLOTTED (18 HEADS OF FAMILIES HAVE ALREADY
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TRAVELED TO THE US). THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT THE
PROGRAM BE EXPANDED TO 50 CASES.

2. THE EMBASSY, OF COURSE, IS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH
ICEM, THE ICRC, UNHCR, ETC. THE DAY BEFORE WE RECEIVED
REFTEL, MR. GILBERT JAEGER, DIRECTOR OF PROTECTION OF THE
UNHCR, CALLED ACCOMPANIED BY HIS LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE.

JAEGER RAISED A PROBLEM REGARDING THE US PAROLE PROGRAM FOR CHILEANS IN ARGENTINA. WE REQUIRE THAT CHILEAN REFUGEE PAROLE APPLICANTS FURNISH PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE ("CARTILLA MILITAR"). THE GOC IS HASSLING THE CHILEANS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO GO TO CHILEAN CONSULATES TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR MILITARY CREDENTIALS--AT BEST A LONG,DRAWN-OUT AFFAIR. JAEGER POINTED OUT THAT BY DEFINITION POLITICAL REFUGEES HAVE STRAINED RELATIONS WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS; JAEGER WONDERED IF ANYTHING COULD BE DONE. SUBJECT TO THE VIEWS OF OUR COLLEAGUES IN BUENOS AIRES, WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE USG WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT CHILEAN POLITICAL REFUGEES IN ARGENTINA FURNISH PROOF OF MILITARY SERVICE.
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